

**CITY OF MIAMI BEACH**  
**Office of the City Manager**  
**Letter to Commission No. 015-2004**



**To:** Mayor David Dermer and  
Members of the City Commission

**Date:** January 16, 2004

**From:** Jorge M. Gonzalez  
City Manager

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jorge", written over the printed name of the City Manager.

**Subject: BUILDING DEPARTMENT – DERM ASBESTOS REPORT REVIEW SEMINAR**

In an ongoing effort to streamline the Development process, the Building Department and the City Administration, at the continuing behest of Commissioner Saul Gross in his previous role as Chair of the Business Resolution Task Force (BRTF) has sought efficiencies and process improvements.

To that end, on December 15, 2003, staff and Commissioner Gross met with DERM officials to discuss asbestos report reviews. The Engineering Section of the Building Department is scheduled to attend asbestos report review training at DERM on Monday, February 2, 2004. Once the training is completed, all applications for alterations, remodeling and demolition permits with an asbestos survey that clearly indicates no asbestos in the planned work area will be approved here in the City without DERM's approval.

Once the training is completed, the City will be able to accept "no asbestos" reports rather than re-directing customers to the Miami-Dade County DERM offices in Downtown Miami.

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c: Christina M. Cuervo, Assistant City Manager  
Phil Azan, Building Department Director